M'BRIDE WINS BIG VICTORY.

Makes Almost Clean Sweep of British Columbia.

His Railway Policy a Winning Card With the People.

Victoria and Vancouver Go Conservative as Before.

Victoria, Nov. 25.-Once again has Premier McBride swept the country, and victory may be styled a triumphant In Vancouver and Victoria the straight tickets were elected. Mr. John

straight tickets were elected. Mr. John Oliver, the Liberal leader, has been defeated in both Delta and Victoria, and Mr. Stewart Henderson has fallen in Yale before the Premier, who also ran in that constituency.

The one Liberal who scored a really notable victory was Mr. John Jardine in Esquimalt, who defeated an old Conservative war horse in the person of H. D. Helmeken, K. C. The finals in the plebiscite for local option are not yet obtainable, but it is believed that an adverse vote has been cast. Liberals are loud in complaint about machine methods. Money was poured out like water, and in Victoria a great number of pluggers were voted. The Conservatives are celebrating all over the Province tonight with torchlight processions. Talk on all sides is that this great victory will go far to helping Mr. McBride to achieve his ambition to succeed Mr. Borden as leader of the Conserved the conserved of the Conserved conserved the conserved of the sory will go far to helping Mr. Mc-Bride to achieve his ambition to suc-ced Mr. Borden as leader of the Con-servative party in Canada. In the last Legislature there were twenty-six Conservatives, thirteen Liberals and three Socialists. Only three Liberals are elected so far. It is reported to-night that Mr. F. Carter Cotton will be given the portfolio of Finance.

CONSERVATIVES ELECTED. CONSERVATIVES ELECTED.

Atlin—Dr. Young.
Cariboo (2)—Calilhan, Major Fraser.
Cowichan—H. Hayward.
Columbia—H. G. Parson.
Delta—F. J. Mackenzie.
Dewdney—W. J. Manson.
Fernie—Ross.
Grand Forks—Ernest Miller.
Greenwood—J. R. Jackson, majority
7. A Conservative gain.
Islands—A. E. McPhillips

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on. Lillooet—Arch. MacDonald. Nelson—Harry Wright, majority 244. New Westminster—T. Gifford, major-

Richmond—L. F. Carter Cotton.
Rossland—W. R. Braden, plurality 19.
Revelstoke—Hon. Thos. Taylor.
Slocan—Wm. Hunter.

Sidean—Win. Hunter. Skeena—Manson. Conservative gain. Similkameen—L. W. Shatford. Victoria City—Hon. R. McBride, Hen. ry B. Thomson, Fred Davey, H. F. Behn

Vancouver (5)—Hon, W. J. Bowser, A H. B. MacGowan, A. H. B. McGuire, H. H. Watson, C. E. Tisdale.
Yale—Hon. R. McBride. A Conserva ve gain. Ymir—J. H. Schofield. Chilliwack—Thos. Cave

vack—Thos. Caven.
LIBERALS ELECTED. Alberni—H. C. Brewster . Esquimalt—John Jardine. SOCIALISTS ELECTED. Nanaimo—J. H. Hawthornthwaite. Newcastle—Parker Williams. DETAILED RESULTS.

Rossland City—R. W. Braden (Con.) 238; English (Lib.), 219; Casey, (Social ist), 160.

ist), 160. Victoria—McBride (Con.), 2,670 Thompson (Con.), 2,479; Behnson (Con.) 2,452; Davey (Con.), 2,490; Oliver (Lib.), 2,077; Morley (Lib.), 2,233; Houston (Lib.), 2.058; Drury (Lib.), 2.034; Oliver

Nanaimo City-Hawthornthwaite (So Westminster—Gifford (Con.), 887; Johnston (Lib.), 614.

CREAM PUFFS.

May Not Have Caused Death of St Catharines Boy.

Catharines, Nov. 25 .- The inquest on Alonzo Lane, whose death due to poisoning, opened before Coroner Jory to-night, but was adjourned till Monday to take some further important evidence. Death fol-lowed several days illness, which is said to have been caused by eating cream puffs purchased at Nasmith's bakery. J. Mullock and J. M. Sheahan to the effect that death was due to some caustic fluid, the immediate cause being ulcers in the stomach and on the tongue cause by such fluid, these producing exhau-tion and heart failure.

tion and heart failure.

Dr. Sheahan had attended the lad last Thursday night, when he came to his office complatining of severa pain, telling him he had got some medicine in Dwyer's drug store. The tongue was then burned by some caustic fluid. Something to review the pain was given him, but the boy died Tuesday.

Robert Richards, the lad who was with Lane when the cream puffs were purchased, and who helped him cat them, said both were taken ill, but his mother gave him something.

mother gave him something which relieved the pain. The deceased's mother swore that he did not arrive home till 8 He told her he had stopped o'clock. He told her he had stopped with Mrs. Bell on Geneva street. It was for the purpose of obtaining Mrs. Bell's evidence that the adjournment was made. Griffiths swore that he had given the boy red gum and two drops of chlorodyne. He took the bottles from the shelf where there were none containing any caustic fluid, and none could possibly have been given him at that time.

The handiest and most useful thing in

VETERANS OF 1866.

Appeal For Some Recognition of Theis Services.

To the Editor of the Times: Sir,—I take the liberty of bringing before the public the facts in the case of the few remaining veterans of the

of the few remaining veterans of the Fenian raid of 1866.

The 13th Regiment at that time (as at present) was made up of young men in all ranks of life, who were earning their own living in various ways, some as mechanics, some as clerks, others studying different professions, such as, law, medicine, etc. Without any warning these young men were called away from their various occupations, and from their various occupations, and went cheerfully to the front to defend the honor of Canada at the risk of their

lives.
Whatever may be said to the cor Whatever may be said to the con-trary, and there are many who sneer at the result of the engagement they en-countered, they obeyed the orders of their superior officers, and fulfilled their duty as well as any troops, either regular or volunteer, ever did on the field of battle.

The unfortunate error of judgment on the part of one of the leading officers

the part of one of the leading officers cannot be charged to the cowardice or incompetence of the troops, and any statement to the contrary is untrue.

They did their duty manfully, without fee or reward, earning only the daily pay of soldiers, and putting up with manifold hardships during the campaign. On their return, I am sorry to state that a number lost their situations, and were in a worse case than previously.

previously.

Nothing has been done for these brave Nothing has been done for these brave men by the Government of Canada, under whose orders they served, beyond the conferring on them of a medal in recognition of these services, and that was only granted after an interval of over thirty-five years.

It is now proposed that a deputation from the survivors of these veterans, who were actually at the front on that occasion, proceed to Ottawa and have an interview with the Premier, and the Cabinet, on the subject of receiving

an interview with the Premier, and the Cabinet, on the subject of receiving something in the way of a recognition, either in the shape of a grant of land, or, better still, an annuity or pension, such as has been made by the U. S. Government to all its veterans.

As the number of veterans who participated in this event (now over forty years ago) is necessarily very small, and from year to year will be reduced by death, I do not think it unreasonable or anything unwarranted that these men should receive a substantial pension, dating a few years back, so that they can participate, while living, in the fruits of their labors.

It will not be for many years, pos-

fruits of their labors.

It will not be for many years, possibly ten to fifteen, that this pension will be needed, but in all justice and fair play it should be made at once. The Premier himself is a veteran of 1870, I understand, and I have read lately that he is in favor of such a grant being made.

It is the duty of the members of Parit is the duty of the members of Par-liament, no matter on which side they are placed, to espouse this measure, and more particularly in the case of the vet-erans of 1866, the members for the counties of Wentworth, York and Halare placed, to expound more particularly in the case of the veterans of 1866, the members for the counties of Wentworth, York and Haldimand, from whose constituencies these volunteers came from should use every endeavor to have any proposed measure in that direction carried through Parliament. Thanking you for kindness in inserting this communication.

Veteran.

TIMES PATTERNS.



Little Girl's Wrapper or Bathrobe.

No. 8317.—Girl's wrapper or bath-robe. Cut in sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 years. The eight-year size will require 3½ yards of 27-inch material. A com-The eight-year size will require 3½ yards of 27-inch material. A comfortable little wrapper or bathrobe, such as the one here pictured, is a needed possession and every little girl's wardrobe should include one. Eiderdown, outing and French flannel are all used for the making, while for warm weather, lawn and dimity might be used.

A pattern of this illustration will be mailed to any address on the receipt of 10 cents in silver or stamps.

It will take several days before

Delicious Biscuits, Cakes, Etc.

Are easily made with Gerrie's Perfection Baking Powder. Articles raised with it are light, sweet, do not dry out, require few eggs, and therefore there is no weste. It is pure, strong, economical and commends itself to thoughtful housekeepers. At Gerrie's drug store, 32 James north.

The Paris Matin prints a statement which shows that France intends to follow other countries in the matter of constructing Dreadnoughts. It states that the two batteships which will form part of the programme to be submitted to Parliament in January will be of 23,000 tons' displacement. They will have a speed of 20 knots an hour, and will be equal, if not superior, to any battleship afloat.

THREE DEAD.

Suffocated by Deadly Coal Gas at Aurora.

Mrs. Flintoff, Her Granddaugnter and a Boarder Victims.

gas which escaped from a new stove, Mrs. Rebecca Flintoff, her granddaughtre, Laura McDonald, and a boarder, Fred Blake, were found dead to-day in avenue here. The discovery of the bodies was made about noon, when Mrs. C. W. Flintoff, a niece of Mrs. Flintoff, became suspicious that something was wrong when she did not notice any signs of life about the place. With a neighbor she went to the home of Mrs. Flintoff, and after knocking at the door and getting no response an endoor and getting no response an endoor and getting the state of door and getting no response an en-trance was forced. Admittance had to trance was forced. Admittance had to be secured by a rear door, as there were storm windows on the house. When the back door was forced in the smell of coal gas was so strong as to almost overcome those who had secured an entrance. Fred Blake, who was a boarder, was found dead in his bed, and on going into the room occupied by Mrs. Flintoff and her granddaughter, both were found dead. Drs. Hillary and Stevensen, who were hastily summoned, gave it as their opinion that the three persons had been dead at least twenty-four hours. An examination of the bodies indicated death from suffocation, and Coroner

been dead at least twenty-four hours. An examination of the bodies indicated death from suffocation, and Coroner Scott of Newmarket, after making an investigation, decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Mrs. Flintoff was a sister-in-law of former Police Chief Flintoff, of West Toronto. Laura McDonald was a daughter of Harris McDonald, now in the Northerwest. Her mother is a resident of Ward Seven, Toronto. Fred Blake, who also met his death in the house, was twenty years of age, and was a recently-arrived immigrant from England. The stove from which the coal gas escaped was put up in the house on Tuesday, and lighted for the first time that night. As that was the last time any-body was seen about the house it is thought all three were overcome and died on Tuesday night. The fire was still going when the bodies were found to-day.

IORDS WARNED

Burleigh, Speaks on **Budget.**

Bishop of Hereford Favors Bill-Cheers For George.

London, Nov. 25 .- "If you win a vic ory it will be only a temporary one; if you lose, you have prejudiced the position, power, prestige and usefulness of the House of Lords, which I believe every one of you honors and desires to serve as heartily as I do myself." In this homely, candid fashion Lord Ballour of Burleigh told the members

of the House of Lords this evening his

Balfour of Buriegh told the members of the House of Lords this evening his opinion of the course they were pursuing with regard to the budget. His speech was the real event of to-day's sitting of the upper Chamber. It probably will have even greater influence than that of Lord Roseoery, who has no close connection with either party.

The Bishop of Hereford, who intervened late in the debate, said that while he respected the Archbishop of Canterbury's desire that the Bishops abstain from voting on the measure, he claimed the right to the exercise of independent judgment. If the Bishops had any function to perform, it was to speak for the multitudinous poor, he said; therefore he supplement budget, which was a social welfare budget, based on sound finance. He was convinced, he declared, that the country's answer to an appeal to the ballot would be in such clear English that never again shall the fundamental liberties of the people be endangered by a privileged class.

The debate was adjourned until Mon-

class.

The debate was adjourned until Monday, when Viscount Morley, Lord Curzon aind Lord Rothschild are expected to

address the House. Rumors are current to night that the Conservative leaders, seeing the damaging effect that the speeches of Lords tromer, Rosebery and Balfour of Burleigh is likely to have on the Conservative cause in an election, are Conservative cause in an election, are reconsidering their position with regard to the budget. But the best information indicates that Lord Lansdowne's resolution against the adoption of the budget will go to a division and be carried by an enormous materials. When the schooler J. Levesque, the substitution of the budget will go to a division and be carried by an enormous materials. The schooler was assed. The schooler was assed. jority, CHEERS FOR LLOYD-GEORGE.

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A great pro-budget demonstration took place to-night in Parliament square and that locality. Six thousand persons gathered for the demonstration and sang political songs and cheered for David Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Police to the number of 1,500 were employed in keeping order, but finally the crowd became unmanageable and they cleared the square. They were nd they cleared the square. They ome slingt scuffles and several arrests ere made. The demonstration is likely o be repeated on a larger scale on Mor day and Tuesday.

THE METHODIST CENSUS, 1909. The total contributed for all purposes y each annual conference for the past

Hamilton Bay of Quinte.... N. B. and P. E. I.

Newfoundland.

Manitoba.

Saskatchewan.

Alberta.

British Columbia.

Departments and Miscellaneous.

Total... ... \$4,513,809

Total net increase\$209,941 CHURCH PROPERTY. Number of churches built during

News in Brief

The death of W. H. Manning occurred with startling suddenness of heart fail-ure at Ingersoll on Thursday.

Evidence before a coroner's jury at Toronto indicated that the death of George Gallagher was caused by foul

play.

The Rev. Andrew Robertson, D. D., was inducted as pastor of St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, Toronto,

Mr. R. A. Burriss has accepted the of-fer of a seat on the Port Arthur City Council for the balance of the year, made vacant by the death of Ald. Moor-Port Arthur's appeal against the ir

junction restraining the municipality from entering into a contract with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission was

The County Council has appointed W. J. Galbraith inspector of Public Schools for the County of Peel in the place of Mr. Allan Embury, who resigned some time ago.

Serious snowslides have occurred along the C. P. R. in the western mountains, and east-bound trains were late on Thursday all the way from twelve to thirty hours.

A Madrid special to the London Morning Telegram says it is reported there that Sir Maurice DeBunsen, British Ambasador to Madrid, will soon replace Ambasador Bryce at Washington. Amuassador Bryce at Washington.
By the formation of the Lumber Vulcanizing Company of Canada at Niagara
Falls, with a capital of one million dollars, a valuable process of treating soft
lumber will be placed on the Canadian
market.

market.

The Ontario Railway and Municipal
Board has issued an order in response
to a petition largely signed, that the
district known as Earlscourt, situated
between the Vaughan Road and Dufferin street, be annexed to Toronto January 10, 1910.

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Death came suddenly at Reidsville to Mr. W. I. Reid, the well known lumberman. Mr. Reid rose yesterday in excellent health and engaged in his usual duties at his mill. About ten o'clock he was seized with a paralytic stroke, death resulting.

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A Paris despatch to London states that the Compagnie Transatlantique, availing itself of the new Franco-Canadian commercial treaty, will run special mail steamers to Canada, receiving the subsidy of 3,000,000 francs, paid equally by Canada and France.

Six persons, father, mother and four children were killed on Thursday when a car on the Los Angeles & Long Beach trolley line ran into an automobile in which Mr. Jacobs and his family were riding near Latin station.

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Hon. Duncan Marshall, editor of The Olds Gazette and new Minister of Agriculture, replacing W. H. Finlay, of Medicine Hat, gained 500 of a majority over A. M. Welch, Socialist. The vote was: Marshall 690, Welsh 102, while remote polls have not been received. william Spurgeon, the farmer of Scarboro', who was struck by a train at Scarboro', Junction of Wednesday night, died in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on Thursday. Deceased, who was about thirty years of age, is survived by his widow and two children.

A Detroit News special from Munising, Mich., says: Mrs. Harry Ethill, 25 years old, was killed last night in a road house twelve miles east of here. Her head was crushed. Frank Fitzpatrick stated that someone outside the house shot through the window and killed the woman.

ed the woman. E. H. Snodekder, of Montreal, Treasurer of the Citizens' Good Government Association, of the Tuberculosis Institute, and a host of charitable organizations, is being sought by the police on the charge of embezzlement. He is badly wanted to answer about twenty charges.

The Woodstock water and light commissioners have awarded the contrast for the supply of equipment for the Hydro Electric power station here to the Canadian General Electric Co. for This sum is considerably under the estimates fixed by the commission's

Mr. F. F. Pardee, M. P. for West Lambton, and chief Government whip, is at preesnt confined to his house here with a mild attack of appendicitis. It is progressing satisfactorily, and he will in a few days submit to an operation, which will, it is expected, effect his speedy recovery.

crew were saved. The schooner was crossing from Bersimis to its winterf quarters at Bic.

quarters at Bic.

Heavy loss of life is feared as the result of an explosion on Thursday in a coal mine at Onoura, Fukuowa Province, Japan. Fifteen men are known to have perished, while 228 miners are entombed in the workings. Every effort is being made to rescue them, but their fate at yet is in doubt.

A gang of toughs wrecked the house of William Wilson, on the Aylmer road A gang of toughs wrecked the house of William Wilson, on the Aylmer road. Hull, set it on fire and then turned on the police when an attempt to arrest them was made. Five were ultimately caught. The gang entered the house, broke windows, doors, mirrors and furniture and overturned the stove.

Deputy Rubini presented in the Italian Chamber or Deputies an interpellation to the Foreign Minister asking wint progress had been attained in the commercial treaty negotiations with Canada with respect to hte safeguarding of Italian exports generally, and those of silk and silk goods in particular.

The appointment of a Laymen's Secretary for the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Methodist Church in Canada has been approved by the Execu-tive Committee of the Methodist For-eign Mission Board. The salary will be subscribed not by the church, but by

in the movement.

According to the annual report to the New York State Commission in Lunacy by its board of deportation or immigrant inspectors, 489 insane and defective aliens were deported from New York during the fiscal year just ended. The commission estimates that the State saved from these deportations, based on the average duration of insane life in State hospitals, about 8978,000.

William Mitchell, of Toronto, was had.

The Right House "HAMILTON'S PAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE"

Opening of Xmas Toy Dept. Early Next Week

Speeding on to us from Santa Claus' workshops are the hundreds of Christmas Toys which will be installed in our new Third Floor Toy Department early next week. Every toy is a sensible one and the prices will be moderate.

Among many other things to be displayed on our Third Floor early next week and until Christmas will be Animals, Soldiers, Doll Furniture, Dolls, Doll Beds, Doll Go-carts, Blocks, Trumpets, Fire Engines, Drums, Tool Chests, Blackboards, Snow Shovels, Ten Pins and other



who will immediately buy their Xmas Gifts.

Several months ago we planned for the purchase at sacrifice prices of the surplus productions of Swiss Handkerchief Manufacturers. We made the purchase. It consisted of fresh, new 1910 Ladies' Handkerchiefs especially desirable for Christmas gifts.

These we offer now for seven days, starting to-morrow morning bright and early, at prices which average one-third off. To you this sale means great bargains of a most desirable holiday nature and to us it will mean some relief later on when the great crushing demand for Right House Gift Handkerchiefs begins.

The wise buyers will be on hand early Monday morning for these savings: Swiss Embroidered Ladies' Handkerchiefs in dainty patterns; hemstitched and scalloped edges, suitable for Christmas wear and also for fancy work.

20c Handkerchiefs 12½ cts. 25c Handkerchiefs 17 cts. 35c Handkerchiefs 23 cts.

HAMILTON, ONTARIO THOMAS C. WATKINS

Mitchell was found unconscious and bad-had and minus his money. His Haggerty and battered and minus his money. His o assailants, named Haggerty an wers, were arrested and pleaded gui

two assailants, saled and pleaded guil-ty on Thursday.

Kemptville was shocked to learn of the death by burning of Miss Louisa Shaver, an aged and respectable resident there. Miss Shaver resided with her nicce, Mrs. Rutledge, and was left alone in the house yesterday afternoon, there being a fire in the coal stove. In some unaccountable manner the agel lady's elothing caught fire.

Mrs. Mary Rumble, the woman charged with dynamiting her husband's house in Harwich Township, and who comes up for trial at Chatham on Saturday morning, will likely be sent to the Loudon Asylum. Experts have been working on the case, and it is under stood that the result will be that she

nounced insane will be pronounced insane.

From railway taxation during the past year the Ontario Government has received the sum of \$446,936, an increase from \$400.227 in 1906. Of this sum \$30,000 will be applied to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board for maintenance, and one-half of the remainder will be divided among the various municipalities of the province.

A fatal accident occurred a quarter

A fatal accident occurred a quarte of a mile east of Nober Station o of a mile east of Nober Station on Thursday at 12.45. Stewart Donnelly, one of Haldimand County's oldest residents, was walking along the M. C. R. west-bound track when he stepped on the east-bound track to let a freight train pass, and the express struck him. He was instantly killed.

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Lawrence's famous portrait of the Duke of Wellington was sold at auction at London for \$10,000. The Agnews have bought in St. Petersburg Rembrandt's portrait of "An Old Jew." The painting was sold to the Agnews by M. Delaroff, a private collector, for \$72,500. M. Delaroff bought the picture a few years ago for \$20,000 from Countess Adlerberg.

Adlerberg.
Mrs. Robinson, of Warren, Ont., who sentence of death for murdering the ille-gitimate infants of her two daughters gitimate infants of her two daughters was commuted to ten years in the penitentiary, arrived there on Thursday afternoon, and was driven to the prison, where she was placed in the female ward. Her husband arrived at the penitentiary several weeks ago, to spend 28 years for his crime which made a murderer of his distracted wife.

derei of his distracted wife.

Earl Guest, jun., son of George Guest, Hyde Park, milk dealer, had a narrow wescape from death at the C. P. R. crossing at London on Thursday. He was crossing the track carefully to avoid a train on the main line, when a yard engine backing down struck his rig, and he was thrown 50 feet, still clinging to the seat of the wgaon. The vehicle was smashed to fragments, and the horse had to be chloroformed. Guest, however, was able to finish his rounds.

A merry party of six persons return-

was able to finish his rounds.

A merry party of six persons returning from a wedding at Muskegon, Mich., on Thursday evening were thrown into a state of panic when the launch in which they were suddenly burst into flames. The gasoline tank exploded almost immediately afterwards, scattering burning oil in all directions. Four of the party, named Coulson, all members of the same family, were either drowned or burned to death. Two others managed to reach the shore, badly burned, but alive. Three bodies have been recovered, horribly burned.

saved from these deportations, based on the average duration of insane life in the world to-day, and the most progressive men and women in Canada is the most progressive men and women in Canada ly used up by Montreat highwaymen. He met two men at the Blue Bells Hotel and they had several drinks. Later

RAILWAY TAXES

Feeling of Legislators Was For More Taxation.

Increase in Exemption From Income Tax.

Toronto, Nov. 26.-The railways were on the gridiron at the closing session of the Legislative Assessment Commission yesterday. The demand of the Dominion irange and other agricultural organizations for increased assessment of these corporations elicited marked sympathy from many of the members. It required all the adroitness of the chairman, Mr. W. J. Hanna, who was the only member of the Government present at the time, to prevent a precipitate resolution calling upon the Government to take action at the forthcoming ses-

to take action at the forthcoming session.

Mr. James McEwing (Wellington)
launched the discussion. If the Province was not ready to act he thought
the act should be amended to give the
municipalities the necessary power to
deal with railways running through their
territory. He moved that the right of
way be assessed at its land value, and
that all structures, rails, shops etc., be
assessed at a valuation of \$10,000 per
mile single track, and \$2,000 per mile
for each additional track. Mr. McEwing pressed for an expression of opin-Ewing pressed for an expression of opin-ion from the committee.

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"Bon't you think we have made good progress to date?" arged Mr. Hanna.

"Suppose we say we will give it serious consideration, will that satisfy you?"

"It would satisfy me better if you will promise a bill at the next session amending the supplementary revenue act to provide adequate taxation of rail-ways," replied the Wellington man.

"Adequate is an elastic word," was the chairman's comment, and he called for consideration of another clause.

The proposal to call for an annual assessment of railways, instead of the existing quinquennial system, also called for the intervention of the chairman. Assessment Commission Forman, of Toronoto, said the city had lost much by the quinquennial system, while Mr. Angus MacMurchy, for the C. P. R., opposed the change.

"It seems to me that the existing section is very useful and should be

opposed the change.

"It seems to me that the existing section is very useful and should be retained," quoth Mr. Hanna.

"It's all in favor of the railways, as usual," was the final shot of the Hamilton Labor man.

But the old clause stood.

The land speculator in the cities was hit hard by the committee's decision to repeal clause 40 of the existing act. Its abolition prevents the purchaser from acquiring plots of land within city limits and holding them as agricultural lands by claiming that they are not in demand for building purposes, thus securing taxation as farm lands. By the decision of the committee all lands in cities will be assessed in future without regard to whether they are vacant or in demand for building purposes.

The committee reached a compromise decision on the resolution of Hon. A. G.—MacKay, solving the much-discussed question of determining the exemption on income tax. The members were apparently hopelessly divided on the matter. Mr. Proudfoot (Huron) advocated the abolition of therax on the personal earnings of married

householders. Mr. Allan Studholme sought exemption for the wage-earner. Mr. J. W. Johnson (Hastings) submitted a \$1,500 exemption, while many of the members desired no change. After the unsuccessful submission of several resolutions, that of the Liberal leader, raising the exemption from \$1,000 to \$1,200 for married men and \$600 to \$900 for single men, was adopted. A proposal by Mr. McEwing to raise the exemption on the income of widows from sources on other than perwidows from sources on other than per-sonal earnings from \$200 to \$500 was

The committee concluded its labors

The committee concluded its labors shortly before 6 o'clock. On motion of Hon. A. G. MacKay, seconded by Sir James P. Whitney, the members instructed the clerk, Mr. W. B. Wilkinson, to prepare their report and model a legislative bill thereon.

The committee worked rapidly towards the end. The section proposing that notices of assessment be not left at the residence or place of business of the taxpayer was lost, as was also the proposal to take assessments tremnially proposal to take assessments triennially in townships. The same treatment was administered to the amendments concerning the remission of taxes and non-payment when a taxpayer did not occupy his premises for a year, and to the clause providing for a fee of \$10, payable to a successful appellant at a court of revision, when the individual has been wrongly assessed.

The liability of the non-resident stock-owner to taxation was left in abevance. proposal to take assessments triennially

abevance.

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The proposal to give holders of ten-year leases the right to sign local im-provement petitions was rejected, and a clause added to section 14 of the act to provide that the dividends derived to provide that the dividends derived by shareholders from shares in a telephone or telegraph company shall be assessable. An amendment proposing to increase the exemption on business assessment from \$100 to \$200 was lost. A lengthy discussion was precipitated by the proposal to eliminate the separate assessment of farm lands and building the separate separa

ate assessment of farm lands and ings, as at present followed, and assessible together. Mc. McEwing (Wellington) led in support of the change, while Mr. Reed (Wentworth) negatived the proposal. On a vote of 13 to 9 the committee decided to retain the present

A CONSTABLE

Convicted of Robbing a Companion While Drunk.

Parry Sound, Nov. 25 .- John Powell, G. T. R. constable at Depot Harbor, was to-day convicted before Judge McCurry spree was continued until Hall became spree was continued until Hall became unconscious. Waking up in the morning he found himself and Powell lying on the latter's bed, and on searching his pockets missed the money, among which were two \$10 Bank of Toronto bills. He accused Powell of stealing the money, which he denied, and a set to occurred, after which Hall had Powell arrested, and two \$10 bills which Hall identified ware found in Powell's nocket. The were found in Powell's pocket.
judge said he was atisfied that Pow
had stolen the money, and senten
him to two months' imprisonment.

Rubber soaring. Catspaw Rubber Heels will do you as well, at one-thire the cost of a pair of rubbers. They won' slip. All dealers.